



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Assembly Bill 582

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Current Law

Effective September 1, 2001, every public school must offer the Pledge of Allegiance or the National Anthem in grades 1 to 12 each school day. Every private school must offer the Pledge of Allegiance or the National Anthem in grades 1 to 12 each school day, unless the governing body of the private school determines that the requirement conflicts with the school's religious doctrines. Further, no pupil may be compelled, against the pupil's objections or those of the pupil's parents or guardian, to recite the Pledge of Allegiance or to sing the National Anthem. [s. 118.06 (2), Stats., as amended by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16.]

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to 2001 Assembly Bill 582

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to the bill specifies that if a school offers the National Anthem, it must offer, at a minimum, ***both the music and the words*** to the first verse of the National Anthem, that is, the first verse of the Star-Spangled Banner.

Assembly Bill 582 was introduced by Representative Albers and others; cosponsored by Senator Zien and others. It was referred to the Assembly Committee on Education Reform. Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Albers and others. The Assembly Committee on Education Reform adopted Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 0; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 2.

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